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SUBJECT: ITU LF/MF CONFERENCE - VOA OPERATIONS ON 1143 KHZ

AT PORO

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REF: GENEVA 7989

1. ATTITUDE OF GOP REPRESENTATIVES AS DESCRIBED REFTEL IS DISAPPOINTING AND UNSETTLING. AS HUFFCUT/JACOBS HAVE NOTED THE VOA OPERATIONS IN PHILIPPINES ARE BASED ON USG-GOP AGREEMENT, AND VOA BROADCASTING ON 1143 KHZ WITH POWER OF 1000 KW AT PORO IS LONG STANDING OPERATION. FOR GOP REPRESENTATIVES TO WAIT UNTIL GENEVA CONFERENCE TO RAISE ALLEGED PROBLEMS WITH PORO IS DISTRESSING.

2. REFTEL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LANGENBECK HERE WHO SAYS THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED WITH HIM DURING RECENT MANILA VISIT. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH CARLOS AND COLLEAGUES AT THAT TIME GOP REPS MADE GENERAL STATEMENT REGARDING CHINESE CONCERN, AND COMMENTED ON THE BROAD QUESTION OF BROADCASTING BEYOND BORDERS, BUT AT NO TIME DID THEY SUGGEST SHUTTING DOWN PORO OR ANY OTHER VOA OPERATIONS. LANGENBECK BELIEVES THAT CARLOS AND OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BROADCASTING MATTERS ARE NOT AT ALL WELL-INFORMED ON DETAILS OF USG-GOP AGREEMENT ON VOA OPERATIONS

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

3. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PORO REQUIREMENT AS DESCRIBED IN SERIAL NO. 3278 BE RESUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE. IN VIEW OF IFRB ADVICE (PARA 8 REFTEL) AGAINST ATTEMPTING RESTORE 3278 TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE, HUFFCUTT'S URGENT REQUEST TO PHILIPPINE MISSION THAT SERIAL NO. 2066 BE RETAINED BUT MODIFIED TO REFLECT 3278 CONDITIONS APPEARS TO BE BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW.

4. THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RAISE SUBJECT ON URGENT BASIS AT APPROPRIATE GOP LEVEL AND REQUEST THAT IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS BE SENT TO GOP DELEGATION TO COMPLY WITH HUFFCUTT REQUEST. HOPEFULLY, GOP MESSAGE ALSO WILL STATE IMPORTANCE OF US-GOP VOA AGREEMENT AND CONTAIN FIRM INSTRUCTIONS OF NEED TO PROTECT PORO AND OTHER VOA PHILIPPINE OPERATIONS.

5. SINCE MESSAGE DRAFTED DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM US MISSION GENEVA IN WHICH HUFFCUTT REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS WITH PHILIPPINE DELEGATION GIVE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND URGENCY OF SITUATION.

6. FYI: RADIO REGULATION NO. 423 READS: "IN PRINCIPLE, EXCEPT IN THE FREQUENCY BAND 3 900-4 000 KC/S, BROADCASTING STATIONS USING FREQUENCIES BELOW 5 060 KC/S OR ABOVE 41 MC/S SHALL NOT EMPLOY POWER EXCEEDING THAT

NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ECONOMICALLY AN EFFECTIVE NATIONAL
SERVICE OF GOOD QUALITY WITHIN THE FRONTIERS OF THE
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